

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To protect the Constitutional purpose of the United States Congress pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 to declare war.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

(title) _____

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL WAR POWERS.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
4 “Constitutional War Powers Protection Act”.

5 (b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-
6 ings:

7 (1) Senator Barack Obama stated correctly to
8 the Boston Globe in 2007 that “the President does
9 not have power under the Constitution to unilater-
10 ally authorize a military attack in a situation that
11 does not involve stopping an actual or imminent
12 threat to the nation”.

1 (2) Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Con-
2 stitution of the United States provides Congress, not
3 the President, the power to issue a declaration of
4 war.

5 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that if this authorization fails to pass Congress, the
7 President would be in violation of the Constitution if he
8 were to use military force against the Government of
9 Syria.